THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) ; (a) to (d) the Ministry of Power had asked the National Council of Applied Economrc; Research (NCAER) as a Consultant, to suggest legislative changes it consicfcred necesssy to accelerate the reform process. TheNCAERhas submitted a diaft Electricity Bill to replace the existing three electricity laws (The Indian Electricity Act, 1910, The electricity (supply) Act, 1948 and The Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998).

The draft Electricity Bill, 2000 as submitted by the NCAER has been circulated to all concerned ioduding the Stale Governments for their comments. Detailed discussions have been held -with the States, State Electricity Boards, regulatory Commissions, Experts, Chambers of Commerce and Private Utilities. The NCAER have since revised the draft in the hght of the discussions and comments. The revised draft is now being discussed with concerned stake-holders.

Comsumption of power by different sectors

†2864. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL ;

Will the Miniijter of POWER be pleased to state:

(a)whether the government have assessed the demand of power for different kinds of consumption viz commercial, industrial, agriculture and Government services in the country,

(b)if so, the demand in above mentioned sectors during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99; and

(c) the percentage of demand fulfilled during these years for the above sectors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The power requirements of various categories of consumption have been assessed by the 15th electric Survey Committee.

(b) and (c) According to report of the Committee published in July, 1995, the estimated requirements for the country in the various categories during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 alongwith the percentage of demand fiilfilled are given in the statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

STATEMENT

ALL INDIA *Comparison of estimated Energy Consumption as per 15th Electric Power Survey with Actual met (Utilities)*

	1996-97			1997-98			1998-99		
	Million kwh	%age		Million kwh	% age		Million kwh	%age	
Category	Estimated 15th EPS	Actual	met	Estimated 15th EPS	Actual	met	Estimated 15th EPS	Actual	met
Domestic	63536.21	55266.54	86.98	70554.65	61697.71	87.45	78210.18	Data is	
Commercial & Misc.	22190.46	22119.29	99.68	23828.98	24365.9	102.25	25577.05	under process for	
Public lighting	2568.70	2473.37	96.29	2571.06	2624.73	95.41	2943.23	Finalisa-tion in	
Public Water Works	7123.81	5569.17	78.18	7682.04	6151.65	80.08	8250.94	CEA	
Agriculture	84531.76	84018.95	99.39	89418.41	91276.93	102.08	94368.98		
Industries	130641.92	104164.65	79.73	140050.14	106003.91	75.69	150498.18		
Railway Traction	7384.16	6594.21	89.30	7967.26	6945.99	87.18	8558.24		
Total	317977.02	280206.18	88.12	342252.54	299066.89	87.38	368506.80		

Selling-rate of power

†2865. SHRI BALWANT SINGH ROMOOWALIA :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a)whether it is a fact that power is used for agriculture, industry, trade, domestic and Government services in the country;

(b)if so, the average selling-rate of power, at national level for the consumers of these sectors during the years 1998-99 and 1997-98; and

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